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Jobless rates down in 99 counties from July 2010 to July 2011

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EDITOR'S NOTE: July's preliminary and June's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/July11charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 31, 2011) — Unemployment rates fell in 99 Kentucky counties between July 2010 and July 2011, while 18 county rates increased and three counties remained the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Oldham County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 7.3 percent. It was followed by Fayette County, 7.4 percent; Caldwell and Franklin counties, 7.8 percent each; Calloway County, 7.9 percent; Carlisle and Woodford counties, 8.0 percent each; Madison and Webster counties, 8.1 percent each; and Larue County, 8.2 percent.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 16.6 percent. It was followed by Magoffin County, 15.8 percent; Nelson County, 14.4 percent; Metcalfe County, 14.3 percent; Clay and Menifee counties, 14.2 percent each; McCreary County, 14.1 percent; Lewis County, 13.9 percent; Fulton County, 13.6 percent; and Rockcastle County, 13.1 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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